THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

[*English*]

Sugar Mills in Sindhudurg, Maharashtra

1098. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for setting up of a sugar factory in Sindhudurg district of Maharashtra;

(b) whether there is any move to change the site of this sugar factory to Kolhapur district; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir. A proposal to set up a new co-operative sugar factory at Amboli, Tal. Sawantwadi, District Sindhudurg in the State of Maharashtra has been received.

(b) So far, Ministry of Food has not received any proposal from the Co-operative Society for change of location of the proposed sugar factory to Kolhapur District.

(c) Does not arise.

Assistance for Playgrounds

1099. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schools provided with the Central assistance for playgrounds in Maharashtra during Seventh Plan period; and

(b) whether there is any restriction for assistance on the number of schools per district per year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) Fifyone.

(b) No, Sir.

Allocation to Colleges of Maharashtra by UGC

1100. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of grant sanctioned to colleges of Maharashtra by the University Grants Commission during 1989-90 and 1990-91;

(b) the names of the colleges to which these grants have been allocated, district-wise;

(c) whether the Government give any priority/preference to colleges located in hilly and backward areas; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). UGC provides development grants to all eligible colleges for strengthening institutional infrastructure such as buildings, books and journals, equipment and other facilities designed to promote the quality and level of teaching and research. The Commission also provides grants under various Schemes of Special Assistance. According to the information furnished by UGC, eligible colleges affiliated to various universities in Maharashtra were provided grants amounting to Rs. 258.47 lakhs during 1989-90 and Rs. 229.49 lakhs during 1990-91. The names of these colleges, university-wise, have been included in the list of colleges maintained by UGC under Section 2 (f) of the UGC Act. A copy of the printed document containing this list has been made

available to the Parliament Library for reference.

(c) and (d). The Commission provides financial assistance to colleges located in hilly and backward areas by relaxing the conditions of minimum enrolment of students and number of teachers.

[*Translation*]

State Social Welfare Advisory Boards

1101. SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH:
SHRI RATILAL VERMA:
DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to reconstitute the State Social Welfare Advisory Boards;

(b) if so, the time by which these are likely to be reconstituted; and

(c) the new schemes, if any, implemented/taken up by the Boards during the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) and (b). The reconstitution of the State Social Welfare Advisory Boards is done by State Governments in consultation with the Central Social Welfare Board as and when the reconstitution becomes due.

(c) The new schemes taken up by the State Boards during 1990-91 are the Awareness Building Programme about the condition of the Girl Child, Awareness Education Programme for poor women, and "Yuvati Shivirs", a scheme for educational camps for adolescent girls.

[*English*]

Food Security System

1102. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any plan to strengthen food security system of the country;

(b) if so, whether agro-productive zones for the main cereals have been identified for widening the base for the country's food security;

(c) whether many major States have not been able to contribute foodgrains to the central pool substantially and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) if so, how far the existing food security system mainly dependent on a small region, sustainable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (d). The buffer stocking policy of foodgrains assumes willing and ready participation of the State Governments. The implementation of the policy, of which procurement is an important element, has to be done in coordination between the Centre and the States and their agencies. Various schemes are being implemented for stepping up and broadbasing the production of foodgrains in the country.

Reservation in Post Graduate Courses in Medical Sciences

1103. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi University is providing reservation in Post Graduate Courses in Medical Sciences which is followed in All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh, Jawahar Lal Nehru